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Dear Attorney Hesse,

Please accept this letter as public comment on the case of *U.S. v. Microsoft*. Although I am unsure of all of the proceedings and technicalities of the decision, I have followed the process enough to know that that too much of the Federal government's time has already been spent on this case.

Millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent prosecuting Microsoft and arriving at this decision. Many people have worked diligently on both sides of the case. These people should now spend their time working important problems, investigating harmful companies, not those who benefit consumers.

With war being waged and the economy being so uncertain, America needs leaders in all areas, especially technology and computer science. Microsoft is one of these leaders and has accomplished tremendous advances in the past several years. By tying Microsoft up in the courts, or worse, actually punishing them further, the government would only serve to limit technological pursuits and spend taxpayer money.

I have used Microsoft's software and find it the best in the industry. As with any product and/or service improvements are necessary but, I believe that Microsoft attempts these improvements on a regular and timely basis and that further improvements in the computer and technology industry will be enhanced by the regulations of the decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MP" or "Marc Pappas", written over a horizontal line.

Marc Pappas